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DWR to Present Local Groundwater Assistance Grant Applicants

Public meeting scheduled to discuss initial staff rankings

SACRAMENTO – The Department of Water Resources (DWR) will present staff rankings of local groundwater assistance grant applications during a February 27 public meeting in Sacramento. The rankings of 98 grant applications will be reviewed with a technical advisory panel (TAP) and the public so that the TAP may formulate funding recommendations to DWR.

Approximately \$4.7 million in grant funding is available. The grant applicants request a total of \$22.3 million. Scores and reviews, along with additional information, are posted online at <http://www.grantsloans.water.ca.gov/grants/assistance.cfm>.

The meeting will include a public comment period. DWR will also accept written public comments through March 6, 2013 by email to Thomas.Lutterman@water.ca.gov or by mail to P.O. Box 942836, Sacramento, CA 94236-0001.

Recommendations from the TAP and public will be considered by DWR decision makers before final funding awards are made.

The meeting begins at 10 a.m. at the California EPA Building, Byron Sher Auditorium, 1001 I Street, Sacramento. The meeting will also be webcast at <http://www.calepa.ca.gov/broadcast/> and viewers may email questions or comments during the meeting to DWR_IRWM@water.ca.gov. Registration is not required to attend or view the meeting.

An open house where applicants may informally review their project's summary evaluations and consult with DWR staff will be held in the auditorium at 8:30 a.m., prior to the public meeting.

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